

SCSFL Summer Coaches' Meeting Minutes 2011

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2011 at Beverly Hills Fencing Center

Present: Michael D'Asaro, Kent Crosby, Sud DeLane, Laura Holmgren, Ted Katzoff, Greg Schiller, Sam Signorelli

CALL TO ORDER: 3:23 Greg Schiller

MINUTES: Laura Holmgren - Notes from the previous meeting had been posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ted Katzoff

1. Call for dues for 2011-12 season will be made at the fall coaches' meeting: \$200 per school for more than one arm; \$100 for one arm; HS and MS charged separately (as voted 9/11/10). Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.
2. The league finished the season with \$1,700 in the account, attributable to the increase in individual entry fees for the season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Laura Holmgren – We had a brief discussion about moving the website to a blog format because it is currently challenging to update quickly and easily; the change would also save approximately \$70 per year. Laura will investigate options this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tournaments – Referees, Equipment (for tournaments), Review of the Year:
 - a. Some concerns were expressed about the department of coaches; Ted reminded everyone that this is a volunteer organization and that problems should be dealt with “in house.”
 - b. It was agreed that the league should pay a “referee wrangler” to obtain and manage referees for league events. Alexx Gruman has since agreed to do it for \$120 per event. (see New Business)
 - c. It was decided to form a parent support organization with a \$10 per family fee. Greg and Ted will organize it; Laura will create a draft of a parent/spectator brochure that will be available at all events. Goals of the new parent organization are to communicate positive expectations, engage parent volunteers in support of the league's mission, and enhance communication between the league and parents.
 - d. There was a discussion about moving toward sanctioned USFA events in which individuals can earn ratings. Currently, the league does not give warnings for equipment problems; not all schools have enough equipment to meet the rules currently. While the motion was defeated, it was agreed that we would table the issue until next year and start working on ways to ensure equity, perhaps through the league's rental of equipment.
 - e. Kent pointed out the challenges of Sunday events for his students, given travel time, late tournament finishes, and 7:00 start of school on Mondays. Issues of venue availability were discussed.
 - f. After discussion about the late finishes, it was agreed to try starting saber events first; the 2011-12 schedule will, therefore, reflect this change.

2. CA HS Championships – How'd it go? Assessment of Communications, events, etc: Laura sent emails to division secretaries, but there was no response. The last minute change of venue and the cost of that venue were discussed briefly. The league wants to avoid this in the future but appreciates Cal Tech's flexibility this year.
3. Getting New Teams into the League: We discussed briefly possible outreach to schools such as Pilgrim, Hemet HS, Campbell Hall, Yshiva, and Cleveland HS. The discussion circled back to the long tournament days and the potential impact of more fencers.
4. Competitions with San Diego Fencers / HS Championships: We agreed that earlier / more communication and fewer schedule changes might help.
5. Novice Tournament: The event ran well, and Greg expressed interest in hosting it again because it's the only event that would fit in Central's gym.
6. Purchase Equipment: The league agreed to purchase 10 timers, 10 shims, 6 weights, paper, and printer ink. It was decided to create "ref pouches" and sign out a full set of gear to each referee with payment for the day contingent on return of the fully-stocked pouch. The league also approved the procurement of a tournament computer. Harvard-Westlake will take responsibility for the purchase of all the newly approved equipment and computer

NEW BUSINESS

1. League Job Responsibilities Review: We discussed again the inherent unfairness of Greg's running tournaments and, thus, being unavailable to his students. Kent agreed to be in charge of tournament management: he will train the appropriate people so that coaches do not have to be involved. It was also agreed to contract someone to obtain / manage refs. The President's responsibilities have been clearly identified and restricted to the following: call meetings, procure trophies, call bout committee meetings, and coordinate subcommittees.
2. Elections: President – Greg Schiller
Vice President – Michael D'Asaro
Secretary / Web Administrator – Laura Holmgren
Treasurer – Ted Katzoff
Tournament Manager / Data Entry – Kent Crosby
Parent Organization Liasons – Greg Schiller and Ted Katzoff
3. Set Schedule, locations, and formats for 2011-12 season: Emails have been sent as information changes. Check the website for the most up-to-date information beginning 8/15/2011.
4. Schedule Fall Coaches' Meeting: Saturday, September 10th at 3:00, Beverly Hills Fencing Center

ADJOURNMENT: 6:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
LHolmgren

